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DURRANT'S LAST APPEAL

Will Be to Save His Neck.

Governor Budd to Be So-liticited.

More Affidavits to Be Piled Up for the Condemned Murderer.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—District Attorney Barnes was formally served with a notice today that next Friday the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the condemned murderer, will appear in Judge Bahrs' court and will ask for a change of venue, alleging that Judge Behre is biased and prejudiced. The service was in the nature of an affidavit sworn to by the elder Durrant.

The affidavit is accompanied by a large portion of the affidavit filed by the prisoner when last in court.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—(Later)—Attorney Louis P. Boardman today announced that the basis of the appeal to the governor would be in the case of Theodore Durrant. The attorneys for the condemned man realize the serious predicament in which they find themselves, and while it is very apparent that they themselves have little hope, they will use every endeavor to prolong their client's life.

The governor will be asked to grant a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment, and the principal grounds upon which the appeal is to be made will be a review of the co-operation of the Bleach Lamont case with that of Minnie Williams. In other words, according to Mr. Boardman, the governor will be asked to request the district attorney to bring the Minnie Williams case to trial, and the attorneys think that a trial of that case will show the real malfeasance and result in the acquittal of Durrant.

Mr. Boardman said the arrangements for prosecuting the appeal to Governor Budd would be made in a few days, but it had not been decided whether Mrs. Durrant should make a personal appeal or not.

Another surprise came in the Durrant case this afternoon when the attorneys of the condemned man filed a notice with the district attorney that they would on next Tuesday go before Judge Bahrs again and ask for a change of venue from the recent order of sentence on the ground that Bahrs was prejudiced and that he had denied Durrant his rights of citizenship.

George Collins, the well-known authority on constitutional law, has been called in for consultation in relation to some federal question that Durrant's attorneys propose springing.

FURIOUSLY INSANE.

He Wanted to Kill a United States Consul.

LONDON, December 21.—Charles Hembold, son of the well known patent medicine man, is locked up and is awaiting trial at Bow street police station on a charge of threatening to kill United States Consul General Osborne.

The physicians think him insane. He has spent much time in London in recent years, living high when his family sent him money, and in deepest poverty between remittances. It is supposed that the Berlin adventures he describes are imaginary, and it is said that his father became insane before his death. An attempt was made to keep the affair a secret for the sake of Hembold's family.

GOLD DUST COMING.

It Is From Bonanza Creek and of Good Size.

ST. PAUL, December 21.—The general passenger department of the Great Northern road received today a consignment of gold dust and nuggets from the Seattle chamber of commerce, the total weight being 27 pounds 11 ounces, having a value of \$6355. The precious stuff ranges down to coarse grains of pinhead size and comes from Bonanza Creek in the Klondyke district and Minook creek in the Ta Nana district. The gold will be displayed here for a few days and then go East to the general agencies of the road for exhibition.

Victim of Foul Play.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—The body of Jose Mario Shaver, late property man of the Italian opera company, was found floating in the bay today. The pockets of his clothes were turned inside out and \$50 in gold, known to have been in his possession when he disappeared on December 8th, was gone. The dead man's friends fear that he was the victim of foul play.

National Banks Reduce Capital.

HONOLULU, December 21.—The directors of the Firemen's National Bank have voted to reduce the capital stock from \$800,000 to \$600,000. The Ravere National Bank contemplated a reduction of its capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$1,000,000 and other national banks it is believed, will take similar action.

The American Horse.

DETROIT, December 21.—Charles E. Stubb started tonight for Europe on a special envoy of this government, appointed by Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department, to encourage the use of the American horse in the cavalry of Europe.

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.

Another Decision in Favor of the Wright Law.

SAN DIEGO, December 21.—In the superior court today Judge Torrance rendered a decision of considerable importance to persons interested in the irrigation districts.

The action was entitled "The People vs. the attorney-general on the relation of Carlos Olers against the Linda Vista Irrigation district." The action was brought to have the district disorganized and the grounds for complaint were various alleged irregularities in its formation. To all of those the defendant demurred.

This demurral, Judge Torrance today sustained, holding that the action was barred, first by the statute of limitations and second by the decree of the supreme court upholding the validity of the Wright law, under which the Linda Vista district was organized.

STRICTLY TENTATIVE.

Labor President Gompers Outlines His Plan of Action.

DENVER, December 21.—The Rocky Mountain News today sent a telegram to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asking him to outline the plan of his organization for independent political action. The following response was received:

NASHVILLE, Tenn., December 21.—

The plans for our political action in the interest of labor are only in a tentative state at present. The American Federation of Labor proposes, however, to take such political actions as will compel the law makers, the executives and the judiciary to act, to enforce and to define law in the interest of our people. We shall elect our own representatives wherever possible and at all times defeat the enemies of our cause irrespective of party. To achieve these purposes, however, we realize the necessity for the workers to unite and determine and concentrate our entire efforts to attain the greatest success.

SAMUEL GOMPERS,
President A. F. L.

Mr. Bryan Takes Leave.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 21.—Mr. Bryan called on all the cabinet ministers today and this evening with Mrs. Bryan was entertained at dinner by President and Mrs. Diaz at their city residence. The Bryan party leaves for Vera Cruz in the morning and will return via Puebla to this city Saturday night when they will go to Guadalajara and thence home.

NATIONAL BONDS

Significant Report by Comptroller Coffin.

Prevailing Low Rates of Interest Have Advanced Prices of U. S. Bonds.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—M. J. Coffin, the acting comptroller of the currency, today called attention to the fact that the retirement of national bank notes during the first twenty days of this month reached the sum of \$3,000,000.

This is said to be the first time during the last ten years that the voluntary retirement has reached this amount in any one month. Under the national bank act the United States treasurer is not allowed to receive for the retirement of circulation more than \$3,000,000 in any one month and hence all deposits the last ten days of this month must be refluxed.

This exceptional condition, Mr. Coffin says, is due to the prevailing low rates of interest, arising from a superabundance of money for investment, which has advanced the price of United States bonds.

Mr. Coffin expressed the opinion that the law should be amended in this particular, as it interferes with the elasticity of the currency and general laws of trade.

A LIVELY TIME

It Was in an Oakland Butcher Shop.

A Masked Robber Who Got Nothing for His Pains.

OAKLAND, December 21.—A robber, masked in red, marched into William Cron's butcher shop at Fifth avenue and East Eighteenth street, tonight and shot Louis Brudachi because he showed light on the intruder's demand to throw up his hands. Twice the command was given before Brudachi or his employer, Mr. Oran, realized that the matter was no joke.

Then Brudachi, who was near the robber, half turned and seized a butcher's stool from the counter behind him. The would-be robber fired one shot from the pistol he had been holding at arm's length.

As he shot Brudachi threw the steel, and as the man backed out of the door Oran sent a clever flying after him. Brudachi got a pistol and fired several shots at the fleeing man without effect. Brudachi was hit by the first shot but the wound in not dangerous.

Arizona Feels Cold Too.

PREScott, Arizona, December 21.—The first snow storm of the season, which commenced Sunday, has been followed by a cold wave and the mercury dropped to five below zero this morning, being as low as ever recorded.

THE LETTERS AND ARMOUR

Some Secrets of Wheat Trades.

May Wheat is Easy But Prices Low.

Rumors of Heavy Shipments Contracted for in January Next.

The Outlook.

CHICAGO, December 21.—

May wheat opened easy and about $\frac{1}{2}$ cent lower than it closed yesterday at 92 $\frac{1}{2}$. Liverpool was only $\frac{1}{2}$ cent higher at the opening. Chicago receipts were heavy, amounting to 370 cars, of which number 340 were of contract quality. Minneapolis received only 172 cars and Duluth reported 118 cars as compared with a total of 582 last week.

This turned the general feeling toward the bull side again and the opening weakness soon gave place to considerable strength. This was followed by a reaction, and later the market turned strong again. This see-sawing was kept up all morning. The first advance was led by the bull clique and on several subsequent occasions, when the market appeared to require help, the same party was credited with being its rescuers.

There is a strong probability that by December 31st there will be \$3,000,000 bushels of contract wheat in regular Chicago houses. Rumors of vessel room having been taken in New York for shipment of 17,000,000 bushels of wheat early in January for account of the bull clique of Chicago were circulated on the floor. Later in the session the market became quite weak under realizing by professionals. There was reason to believe also that the Leiter crowd sold considerably.

The market gradually declined to 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ and closed at 93 $\frac{1}{4}$. There were further large deliveries of wheat this afternoon. Armour, delivering 750,000 bushels and other dealers as much more. December closed at \$1, where it wound up yesterday.

Corn was much quieter than yesterday, closing at $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent lower.

Oats were steady, closing with a loss of only $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.

Provisions were weak. The heavy run of hogs have started quite free selling. At the close May pork was 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents lower, May lard 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ lower and May ribs 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lower.

CHICAGO, December 21.—"A more incident, I assure you. We are now practically out of the whole matter. We have a little wheat yet to deliver; the necessary bushels are ready for delivery when the proper time approaches for the fulfilling of these comparatively small outstanding contracts and there's an end of the affair so far as we are concerned."

Thus, with choice temerity, does P. D. Armour define his position in this, the closing day of one of the biggest wheat deals that has marked the history of the board of trade. Joseph Leiter, his youthful opponent, is just as calm and confident in his expressions as the big provision men.

"Mr. Armour sold wheat," he declares, "and I bought of him. That is all. There was no battle. It was a common, almost elementary, business transaction. I shall sell the wheat which I have purchased when the need of the foreign market demands it, I shall sell at a profit and that's the closing chapter of my part of the story."

These statements, coming from the principals in the December wheat deal, have caused much comment in board of trade circles. Will Joseph Leiter make a profit in the round four million bushels of wheat which have been placed in his hands by the provision men, is now the question.

The report is going the rounds that the whole affair was productive of results indicating a big Armour-Leiter combine. In many minds this rumor was given credence. The manipulation of the local market by Leiter agents pulling the wires from the Liverpool end was recited over and over. This idea, however, is ridiculed by the majority of traders.

Some members of the board say that Leiter has secured 5,000,000 bushels of the cereals. Others place the figures as high as 15,000,000, while the more conservative are willing to admit that half the latter amount is nearer the correct estimate. Mr. Leiter asserts that just as much of this will go abroad as the foreign market calls for if "they pay him his price."

"Some folks on the board think I can't transport grain eastward by rail without a loss, do they?" said Mr. Leiter. "Well, possibly they can't, but I'm willing to play out my end of the game along my own lines and I may differ with these propsects considerably."

Another Klondyke Speculation.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—A first-class ocean steamer, the Amur, has been purchased by the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transportation Corporation of Victoria, which was organized by Sir Charles Tupper. She will run to Stikine and St. Michaels.

Paid in Full.

St. Louis, December 21.—George J. Fritsch, president of the Fritsch Furniture Company, and one of the leading business men of South St. Louis, committed suicide today. He was despondent over inability to pay dressing creditors.

They Favor Bryan.

SPRINGFIELD, December 21.—The legislature today adopted a joint resolution endorsing the selection of Colonel Charles Page Bryan of Illinois as Minister to China.

TO CLOSE TREATY PORTS

A Possible Difficulty With the Dominion Government.

TORONTO, Ont., December 21.—The Toronto Board of Trade has taken up the complaint of the British Columbia board that Canadians going into the Yukon districts are subjected to various regulations on the part of the United States customs authorities and has adopted resolutions calling on the government to communicate with the United States government.

The resolutions declare that in the event of the government's not taking such immediate steps as may lead to fairer regulations in the port of Dyes, the government of Canada should at once take steps to close all Canadian ports of entry for trade entering the Yukon district from the Pacific Coast, sweeping Leans or Port Doudah.

ROAD AGENTS BAFFLED.

One Dying and the Other to be Heard From.

REDWOOD, December 21.—Two masked men attempted to rob the Southern Pacific Company's station at Keweenaw tonight but they were driven off by Station Agent L. Schuckmann, when he shot the robbers and drove off the other.

Schuckmann resides in the depot and was in his room when the robbers entered the waiting room, covering with pistol two men who were sitting there. Schuckmann entered and after an exchange of shots the robbers retreated. One was found in a dying condition a short distance from the depot and died soon afterwards. The other made his escape. The robbers secured nothing.

TROOPS FOR ALASKA.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Major L. H. Rucker, Fourth cavalry, who leaves here on December 21 on a preliminary investigation, will be accompanied by Lieutenant L. P. Field, Fourth infantry. They will be followed later on by Captain E. B. Eldridge, Assistant Surgeon F. N. Kemp and fifty enlisted men of Company H, Fourth infantry, who will take charge of the relief stores and take charge of the relief stores and take them over the trail to the suffering Yukon miners. Lieutenant Field will also form one of the party.

Her Heart Affected.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Mrs. Baldwin Booth, who is in the Presbyterian hospital suffering with heart trouble, was tonight said to be in a serious condition.

CHINESE SPOILS.

JAPAN WILL STERNLY RESIST PARTITION.

ENGLAND, FRANCE, RUSSIA AND GERMANY WANT A SHARE.

BERLIN, December 21.—The Cologne Gazette maintains the accuracy of the statement that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne about a week ago. As a proof of it, it points out that there was neither a Russian ship nor a Russian consul at Port Arthur at the time the Daphne visited the harbor and it argues that Russia could only have learned of the visit through China's complaint.

The Paris correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphs to a paper yesterday that a special dispatch from Shanghai, the British squadron will make a demonstration at Chio Foo on the North coast of the Shan Tung Promontory, as a warning. It is supposed that Great Britain intends to oppose the division of China without consulting her. It is reported here that Russia has offered China a loan to pay the indemnity of the war with Japan, and that England and Japan are acting in concert to preserve China from disintegration, favoring the idea of a protectorate over Central China with a capital at Nanking.

London, December 22.—A German-Ohio mission has been arranged, according to a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Mail, to settle the boundaries of the occupied district at Kiau Chan and it is evident, therefore, that the occupation will be permanent. The same dispatch says it is rumored in Shanghai that the British intend to occupy Tsin-pan, south of Port Arthur, in order to guard the Gulf of Peasch Li. The Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokio says there is no excitement over the news from Port Arthur. The press is calm and the public is indifferent. It is rumored, the dispatch adds, that a large Russian military force is coming from Siberia.

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Crocheted Slippers.

Infants' Wear, Shawls, Etc.

A SPANISH ULTIMATUM

Fair Warning to the
United States.

General Weyler's Policy
Approved.

President McKinley's Recent Mes-
sage to Congress Objection-
able to the Spaniards.

HAVANA, Cuba, December 21.—In a speech today Senator Santos Guzman, president of congress, touched upon the patriotic sentiments of the Spanish people, and referring to President McKinley's recent message to congress, he protested against it, alleging that it was offensive to Spain, to General Weyler and the Spanish army. He also held that it indicated probable early intervention, a "warning to a most haughty nation which will not permit such humiliations."

Senor Guzman succeeded in unifying the opposing factions in the party, thus avoiding the disruption which had been encouraged by the reformists.

Senor Guzman submitted a motion, which was unanimously approved, expressing confidence in President Apetegui and the executive committee and confirming the political platform of the party, which is essentially Spanish and centralist, as against home rule and withdrawal from political struggles, while authorizing the executive committee to determine when the condition of the country and general-in-chief demand the party's service.

The executive committee was authorized to send a cable to General Weyler, the substance of which was that at a mass meeting the policy of his excellency was endorsed and the party assured the General he had its support.

HAVANA, December 21.—It was announced from the palace today that during the past ten days the insurgents have lost 300 men killed and that, in addition, the Spanish troops have captured seventeen prisoners and that sixtieth armed insurgents have surrendered. The troops, it is further announced, have captured ninety-five stands of firearms during this time. Among the killed, the statement continues, are three insurgent leaders and three officers of the insurgent forces. The Spanish troops, during the same period, according to official statistics, lost three officers and thirty-three soldiers killed and had thirteen officers killed and 213 wounded.

JAPAN IN TROUBLE.

Explanations Due for Acts of Mob
Violence.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The department of state has undertaken an investigation of two very disgraceful incidents that may contain in themselves the germs of serious trouble in the near future. They are the killing by Japanese of two sailors attached to the United States fleet on the Asiatic station.

The officials have been advised of the bare facts only, but, following so closely on the terrible assault at Kobe last September of a Japanese mob upon the sailors of the Yorktown, these killings have aroused them to a determination to secure protection for our sailors in Japan's ports.

WHAT BRYAN IS THIS?

BOSTON, December 21.—One hundred predicts out of total of 191 gives Curtis, Republican, 19,140; Goldstein, Socialist, 475; Quincy, Democrat, 20,965; Kiley, Bryan, Democrat, 1437. The Quinny men claim that he will carry the city by a majority larger than that of a year ago.

A NATIONAL BANK FAILS.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The comptroller of the currency has received notice of the failure of the First National Bank of Pembinia, N. D. The bank has a capital of \$50,000 and according to its last statement had deposits aggregating \$95,000. Bank Examiner Anheiter has been placed in charge.

CUT IN WAGES.

WORCESTER, Mass., December 21.—The Millbury cotton mills, following the lead of the Fall River mills, has posted a notice of a cut of 10 per cent in wages to take effect January 1st.

THE NATIONAL EXCHEQUER.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$23,572,011; gold reserve, \$150,000,075.

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THE HOG IN POLITICS.

France Starts Out on a Strictly Retaliatory Policy.
WASHINGTON, December 21.—The action of the French chamber of deputies yesterday in passing a government bill increasing the duties on hogs, hog products, lard etc., is regarded as retaliatory in effect against the United States. For some time negotiations have been proceeding between France and this country toward making a reciprocity arrangement. They came to a stop recently when the authorities here agreed as a condition of such an agreement that France raises its restrictions against American cattle and meat products.

The French ambassador, M. Patenaude, communicated with his government, and no reply was given. He was soon after directed to return to Paris, where he is now in conference with the French authorities. No word has been received as to the purpose of France since the ambassador left, but the action in the chamber when the raise of duties certain meat products was put through by the premier, M. Moline, leads to the conclusion that the French policy will not be toward abolishing the restrictions but toward increasing their stringency.

ENTICED FROM SCHOOL.

A Case Which Evokes Reminders of Charles Ross.

SHERMAN, Tex., December 21.—A mysterious woman in black and wearing a heavy dark veil yesterday enticed from school George Alfred Preston and Jessie May Preston, brother and sister, aged 11 and 9 years respectively.

They hurried away in a closed carriage, which started in a northerly direction, supposedly for Plymouth, where a train could be taken. The police and sheriff are investigating the case.

Rudy-Pittson.
A. J. Rudy and Miss Belle Pittson of Fowler were married at 8 o'clock last evening by Rev. J. W. Webb. The marriage took place at the home of the bride near Fowler. A number of invited guests were present and after the marriage ceremony a wedding supper was served.

The Estate Involvent.
In the matter of the estate of Samuel Jenkins the administrators have been ordered to pay the residue of the estate amounting to \$65 to the creditors. The proceeds received from the sale of the estate were not sufficient to pay the debts in full and an apportionment was made.

RIEGE'S SPECIALTIES.

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The expression "Riege's goods" is generally accepted all over town as synonymous with "the best." People know from experience that anything bought at Riege's is reliable. He is having the run as a matter of course on holiday novelties.

Not only are the goods handled at this store the best in the market, but Riege's has secured the exclusive sale in Fresno of many of the finest and most attractive novelties. Call at Riege's for your Christmas goods.

DOCKS FOR SHIPS

Growing Responsibilities of Uncle Sam.

Having Battleships and Cruisers They Must be Cleaned.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Senator Hale, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs, was in conference today with Secretary Long with reference to the proposed legislation for increasing the docking facilities of the country.

The conference related especially to the advisability of substituting floating for fixed docks at some points where docks are contemplated. There are some places where docks are considered desirable, but at which standard structures are not believed to be practical. Algiers, La., is one of these points, and it is practically decided that if any dock is placed there it will be a floating one, made of steel. The estimates of the navy department, so far as made, are favorable to the steel structures on the point of economy, but all the figures have not been completed.

Senator Hale said after leaving the department that the general dock question would be taken in earnest by the congressional committee after the holidays, and he expressed confidence that legislation on the general lines of the department's plans would be received during the present session. He thinks that the continuing contract system will be adopted in preparing for the work, to that the immediate appropriation required will not be comparatively large.

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HE WILL REMAIN

Interview With President C. S. Mellen.

He Has Pledged His Word Not to Leave the Northern Pacific.

ST. LOUIS, December 21.—President C. S. Mellen returned to St. Paul today from New York with the settled purpose of remaining at the head of the Northern Pacific.

Mr. Mellen said in an interview today: "The presidency of the Union Pacific system was not offered to me. I am not in a position to accept any position that leads to the place or any other than the one in which I am. I am in honor bound to remain as president of the Northern Pacific until my work has been accomplished or until Mr. Morgan and his associates who placed me in this position see fit to terminate the present arrangement with me and desire me to take up some other work."

"The declaration of Colonel Laramore that I am to remain in my present position ought to have been sufficient to stop further gossip relative to the matter."

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Second-hand Bicycles, \$12.50, Thompson.

But Say,

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Notice of Annual Meeting.

The Tuolumne County Mining and Development Co., Location of principal place of business, Fresno, Cal., Location of property—Tuolumne County, Calif.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the above named company will be held at Bluestone Hall, 1 street, Fresno, Calif., on the 1st day of January, 1898, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated Fresno, Cal., December 4, 1897.

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TRAIN DERAILLED

Accident to the Fresno Local.

Broken Rail Near Madera the Cause.

The Passengers Uninjured, but Their Escape Was a Narrow One.

Train No. 614, the Southern Pacific line which runs from this city to Oakland, was derailed yesterday morning about 6:30 o'clock near the Irrigosa switch about eight miles this side of Madera, and it was a miracle that the accident was not accompanied by great loss of life.

As it was, not a person was hurt, although the wreck was one of the most serious that ever happened in the San Joaquin valley.

The train left Fresno in the morning at 5:30 o'clock, on schedule time. It consisted of the engine, baggage car, smoker and coach, and was in charge of Conductor Collins and Engineer Gray. There were about fifteen passengers aboard, all from this city.

Owing to a leaky engine on the Sunbeam Limited, which came through at 4 o'clock, the regular locomotive for the local train had been transferred to that train, and No. 614 was sent out with a heavy freight engine, No. 1719, in its place.

The train was going at the rate of about thirty-five miles an hour when the accident occurred, about 300 yards north of the switch at Irrigosa. A rail gave way under the drive wheels of the heavy locomotive, causing these to leave the track.

As soon as the news of the wreck reached Fresno a Sacramento reporter quickly pronounced to the scene. A close investigation showed that the rail which was broken had been poorly appointed at the end by two cutting ties. The break occurred about four feet from the end of the rail, and the lower part of the fracture was clean and bright. But the upper portion was coated with rust, showing that it had been previously cracked.

As soon as he left that the drive wheels were off the track, the engineer closed the throttle and applied the air brakes, but the "drivers" plowed into the end for the distance of about 150 yards before he could bring the train to a stop. The front of the cars also left the rails and ran on the tie, cutting deep furrows in them.

At the time the train came to a standstill the tender had been capized and was dragging on its side. It was badly smashed.

The engine was still top up, though slanted across the grade and on the point of overturning. The baggage car was nearly upon itself, and the smoker was tilted at an angle of about forty-five degrees. The last coach remained upright with the front trucks on the tie, but the rear wheel still on the rails.

What prevented the cars from piling up and thus causing great damage and terrible loss of life was the fact that the forward trucks of the locomotive remained upon the track. Had these left the rails the engine would have torn its way down the embankment, dragging its load of human freight to almost certain death. But by holding to the track the front trucks kept the engine upright and maintained its course along the top of the embankment.

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The passengers were very much frightened when they realized from the violent bumping and rocking that the trucks were off the rails and were running on the tie. Everything happened so quickly, however, that there was no time or chance to try to get out of the coaches. It was probably best that they remained and clung to their seats. When the train came to a standstill they all quickly climbed out of the creaking cars, none the worse for their disagreeable experience. It was still dark and cold.

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Election of Officers Last Night. Supreme Warden Parish.

At a regular meeting of Fresno Council, Royal Arcanum, held last night at the council hall in Edgerton block, the following officers were elected: Past regent, N. J. Platt; regent, T. G. Hart; vice regent, M. S. Webster; orator, E. T. Wolcott; secretary, Jacob Streeter; collector, F. W. Harpster; treasurer, L. C. Seal; guide, A. H. Brown; warden, S. A. Alexander; sexton, J. H. Ball.

Supreme Warden Thomas A. Parish visited the council. Mr. Parish reports the order throughout the state as very flourishing, and a strong effort is being made to secure a grand council for California.

Escaped From Officer at Fresno on Way to San Quentin.

Chas. W. Filkins, age 27 years; height, 5 feet 9 inches; blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion, medium build; scar at base of left thumb on inside hand; several long scars on left index finger; very long broken scar under chin; nose has been broken; large vaccination mark on left arm; wore black cutaway coat and vest, wide Fedora hat, white high collar and black necktie and toothpick shoes; occupation, bookkeeper; \$50 reward.

Dated Los Angeles, December 20, 1897.
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PRIZE FIGHT AT FOWLER.

Two Colored Men Give a Brutal Exhibition.

Saturday evening last a fierce five round contest with 4-ounce gloves between Joe Wolfe of Fowler and Sam Johnston of Fresno, colored pugilists, took place in the Good Templar's hall before a large gathering of—well, I was about to say men, but shall say beings as human as they might be; just know you know.

Those present say the battle was to a finish and that Joe Wolfe didn't do a thing to Johnston but pummel his black comrade and the apex of his gory face until the crimson fluid trickled down his nose. The padding of the gloves had been carefully shovelled back over the knuckles of the combatants so that there should be no rebound from the blow.

In the fifth round Wolfe slipped down, when rising, and while only part of the way up, Johnston thought it a golden opportunity and dealt Wolfe a terrific blow on the neck, felling him to the floor. Referee Frank Nelson called it a foul and closed the fight, awarding the contest to Wolfe, which decision was accepted gracefully and without protest by Aron on his supporters.

Price fight! And in Fowler, too. Are we getting just a little too metropolitan? I don't know just what my friend the editor of the *Ensign* will say next week about such affairs, or how it came to be under the patronage of those influential (?) people hereabout. It strikes me that our hall might be rented for better purposes. Tim T. Day.

Fowler, December 21, 1897.

A Peculiar Vindication.

From the Tulare Register.

Dr. O'Brien has been vindicated. He has also resigned from the position of superintendent of the state school of infamy at Lone. "No vindication, no resignation," were the conditions offered by Dr. O'Brien and he got his vindication and Governor Badd got another chance to get a man into that place who will if possible conduct the school as decently as it was conducted when Markham was governor. Much good may his vindication do Dr. O'Brien! If the Doctor will now vindicate the board of trustees, and they will all join in vindicating the governor, honor will be tolerably easy all around as far as the chief conspirators are concerned, but it will be a very long time before the people of California vindicate Dr. O'Brien and the lone trustees or Governor Badd. That school has been a humiliation to all California.

Will Settle With the State.

Treasurer J. W. Whitehill will go to Sacramento Thursday to make his semi-annual settlement with the state treasurer.

The total amount of state funds in the county treasury is \$90,260.49, and \$14,779.00 will be reserved as the state apportionment to the school fund.

"THE STOWAWAY"

Will be the opening play of the Ellerford Engagement.

W. J. Ellerford, the hand of the well-known and established Juvaria Ellerford Company, promises the theatergoers of Fresno a rare treat in the production of some dramatic work this season.

Mr. Ellerford has learned from long experience and careful observation just the class of productions the people of today are desirous of witnessing, and no time or expense has been spared to accomplish this work of securing such pieces, which anxious in due only to his paying heavy royalty for the rights to produce the repertory he now owns at popular prices.

The opening performance of the Ellerford Company Friday, December 24th, is the beautiful melodrama, "The Stowaway." Some great features in this production are the beautiful natural-sized scenes in the fourth act, which is rigged and manned complete, a great London street scene in the first act, the famous "Spike Hennessy's" safe blowing in the second, and an attic in the slums of London in the third.

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A CRUEL HUSBAND

Mrs. Knott Brings Suit for

a Divorce.

Says Her Worse Half Slapped

Her So Hard She

Saw Fire.

John Knott is bemoaning that he ever had anything to do with a widow—especially to the extent of taking one for his bride. But little over a year ago, on the 3d day of December, he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Rowe. Both were past the springtime of life and the bloom of youth did not therefore contribute to their convivial bliss. Mrs. Rowe was fleshly and forty, and the fact that she was reputed to be worth considerable coin of the realm may have added to her attractions.

But there were many disillusionments during the year. Mrs. Knott found out that her husband could be brutal when suited his purpose to do so, and Mr. Knott discovered that his wife would not furnish him cash as desired.

Yesterday Mr. Knott was tried in Justice Austin's court by a jury upon the charge of battery, his wife being the complaining witness. The testimony indicated that on the 13th of the present month Knott requested his wife to give him some money with which to purchase hay. She refused to grant the request and Knott slapped her. The jury found Knott guilty and recommended him to the mercy of the court. Justice Austin will render judgment on Thursday.

Mrs. Knott has also commenced suit for a divorce, and in her complaint detailed how her heart was lacerated by the cruel and offensive conduct of her husband. It is alleged that the honeymoon was of short duration and within two months the husband became irritable. The parties resided in Florence addition and on February 15th, in the presence of neighbors, the husband told his wife that he did not wish her to use his name any longer. The wife continued to worry along with the knotty question until recently, when she concluded that she would act for a divorce and take the name of Rowe.

The complainant further alleges that on September 14th the husband slapped his wife; on October 14th he became more vigorous in his discipline of the much abused woman and threatened to throw her through a window. Then on November 15th something phenomenal occurred, as the trivial Knott struck the woman with a severe blow in the face that she alleged she saw fire.

The wife, it seems, had some money and the husband desired to secure it, but notwithstanding the intimidation and brutality of the male she continued to tightly hold the man's arms. The woman decided to secure a divorce a few days ago and left her home in Florence addition, Thompson & Prince are attorneys for Mrs. Knott.

Notice!

T. F. Porter left Fresno November 29th to locate a hunting ground, for two days. He was last seen at Fresno station, where he took the train for Los Banos (as he said). The following is a description of him: Porter is a member of Typographical Union No. 141. He has been employed on the *Expositor* for about eight years, and has always been a man of the best of habits. He was about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height, of a florid complexion, dark red mustache, reddish brown hair, thin features and nose inclined to be prominent. When he left Fresno he had on a dark gray coat-and-pants, black sweater and black Derby hat. His wheel was a Rambler. '95. It had a 23-inch frame, steel rims, with copper much worn off and discolored. The number of the wheel could not be ascertained. Address information to Fresno Typographical Union. Frank Tierman, secretary, *Expositor* office, Fresno, Cal.

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Your Christmas Gifts

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Beautiful Dolls	Purest of Bleached Linen Damask Table Sets
A Lovely assortment of Fancy Goods	For Xmas Gifts.
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Superb Hosiery	For Xmas Gifts.
The Prettiest of Handkerchiefs	For Xmas Gifts.
Delightful Perfumery	For Xmas Gifts.
Magnificent Soft Pillows	For Xmas Gifts.
Dainty Head Rests	For Xmas Gifts.
Fascinating Fascinators	For Xmas Gifts.
Handsome Shetland Shawls	For Xmas Gifts.
Dainty Baby Booties	For Xmas Gifts.
Elegant Assortment of Wool Knit Goods	For Xmas Gifts.
Immense Assortment of Ladies' Gloves	For Xmas Gifts.
Beautiful Art Work	For Xmas Gifts.
Handsome Millinery	For Xmas Gifts.
Elegant Capes and Jackets	For Xmas Gifts.
Pretty Feather Boas	For Xmas Gifts.
Fine Fur Collarettes	For Xmas Gifts.
Exquisite Silks	For Xmas Gifts.
The Prettiest Weaves of Dress Goods	For Xmas Gifts.
Ladies' Handsome Tailor Made Suits	For Xmas Gifts.
Novelty Golf Caps	For Xmas Gifts.

This week we shall close out our entire stock of Dolls and Fancy Xmas Goods at half price.

These are but a few suggestions called cursorily from an immense stock. There are thousands of others at two

White Front Stores,

RADIN & KAMP,

1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031 I Street.

IT TAKES
THE CAKE.

In fact, it takes a lot of them to inaugurate a big sale like the one that is going on at

SCOTT'S MAMMOTH
CASH STORES,

and will last until January 1, 1898. He is making you some good offers that we know you will not fail to take advantage of. Below we grab a few handfuls to give you an idea, but don't fall into the error of thinking Scott has no others; he has lots at prices lower than any house in this valley.

Are your biscuits tough and heavy? Probably you are not to blame for it; it may be that you use poor Baking Powder. Try a 1-pound can of Scott's Economy at 25¢. Every can will give satisfaction; no two ways about it, or he will sell you.

1 pound can Price's Cream..... 25¢
1 pound Red Seal..... 35¢
1 pound can Pioneer..... 35¢
1 pound can Golden Gate..... 35¢
25 ounce can Home..... 20¢

A dinner; what shall it be? That's the question that often confronts housewives. Scott has it.

1 pound can Macaroni and Cheese, 10¢
2 pounds can Macaroni and Cheese, 16¢
2 pounds can Honey's Baked Beans, 20¢
2 pounds can Boston Baked Beans, 13¢
3 pounds can Sweet Potatoes..... 13¢
Jams and Jellies, something nice, put up in 1/2 pints fancy glasses, regular price 20¢, but Scott is selling them at 10¢ each.

Washing Soaps—We are branks on soap and have tried all brands, but have never had any soap to equal Scott's Cream Soap in quality and price.

6 bars, full size..... 25¢
12 bars Savon..... 25¢
6 bars Borax..... 25¢
15 bars Toilet..... 25¢

If you have not bought your Citron, Orange and Lemon Peels, Currants, Seeded Raisins, Mince Meat, Walnuts, Almonds, and in fact everything that is used for a Christmas dinner, you should not fail to step in at SCOTT'S and see his fine display.

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

Fresno, December 21.—Observations taken at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.
Barometer..... 30.20
Temperature, dry bulb..... 57
Humidity, percent..... 68
Wind, N.W. miles per hour..... 1
Maximum temperature for past 24 hours..... 50
Minimum temperature for past 24 hours..... 22
Total rainfall past 24 hours, inches..... .06
Total rainfall for season, inches..... 1.87

Weather Forecast.
San Francisco, December 22.—Official forecast for to day and to night, Saturday and Sunday.
Northern California—Fair Wednesday; colder with frost; fresh westerly winds.
Southern California—Fair Wednesday; header frost in the morning; fresh westerly winds.

The REPUBLICAN may be had in San Francisco at the Palace Hotel news stand.

LOCAL BREVIETIES.

Beautiful assortment of Christmas goods at Holland's, K and Mariposa.

Gems play at Kieler's.
Coal, wood, Tel. 49, Collins.

Dressed poultry at City Market.
Red mountain apples at Hines'.
Rene B. T. Scott's advertisement.

Wood and coal—Dorsey & Parker.
Order a good turkey at Blacker's.
Carving trimming at Schweizer's.

Sweet mountain cider at Blacker's.
Blacker wants one thousand turkeys.
World bicyclist, \$35.00—R. G. Barton & Co.

Mrs. Cross' chicken tamale at Brunton's.

Livie and dressed poultry at the City Market.

French candies, forty cents at Norton & Brunton's.

Fine brooches at S. Kashishyan's, 1740 Mariposa street.

Go to Downing's for your fine candies and fancy boxes.

Useful Christmas gifts at Donahoo, Emmons & Co.

Souvenir spoons, S. Kashishyan's, 1740 Mariposa street.

A beautiful and appropriate holiday present—"Imperial Fresno."

Cash tables, Plywood models \$34.00 per lb. at Fresno Agricultural Works.

Buy your wool and coal from National and Paul Go, Telephone 62.

REPUBLICAN business office, telephone main 97. Editorial room, main 101.

Order a fat turkey for Christmas from the Labor Exchange. Telephone black 311.

Christmas perfume at 1330 J street, Home Industry. Pendulum taken in exchange.

F. A. Foin has been appointed administrator of the estate of Delia J. Donavan, deceased.

"Imperial Fresno" on sale at Conley's, Riege's, South & Fenton's and the Republican office.

Fancy candy boxes and baskets for holiday presents at Norton & Brunton's at less than cost.

Just the thing to send to your friends in the East—"Imperial Fresno," in leatherette, 75 cents.

The nearest guess to the number of seeds in the pumpkin gate the bicycle at the Universal Restaurant.

You will never have cold feet or chilblains if you wear our cork sole seal shoes, Philadelphia Shoe Store.

Downing's 10 cent cream mixed candy is the finest in the state for the price—no bucket candy, all home made.

New England supper, Grand Central hotel, Wednesday evening, December 22, 1897. All New Englanders invited.

Wonderful millinery bargains at the White Front Stores. Half price is all they ask. Entire line to be cleared by January 1st.

S. F. Glasgow has commenced suit in the superior court against J. M. Robinson to secure the payment of a promissory note for \$1345.

"Imperial Fresno," showing the resources, industries and scenery of Fresno county, may be had at the REPUBLICAN office, 1342 Tulare street. Leatherette 75¢, cloth \$1.50.

Charles W. Cutten, administrator of the estate of James R. Cutten, deceased, has completed his duties in relation to the will and has been discharged by Judge E. W. Raley.

The orphans will have their Christmas tree at the home Friday afternoon, the 24th. Toys, candle, clothing or donations of any description can be left at the home of Mrs. J. J. Seymour, 1136 N street.

The churches of Fresno will hold a union meeting on the first Sunday in 1898 under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League. It is expected that this will be one of the greatest temperance meetings ever held in Fresno.

Rev. J. W. Webb, field secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, has returned from the north, where he has been delivering lectures in the interest of temperance and the further extension of the principles of his order. He reports good attendance at the meetings and increased interest in the league.

The White Front Stores have just received a special holiday line of one hundred dozen ladies' white lawn handkerchiefs, beautifully hemmed and elegantly embroidered, in floral and conventional designs. They are well worth 25 cents, but as a Xmas offering will be given away at 10 cents each. You have never seen such handkerchiefs at the price.

Card from Frank Flester.

Not that I want to throw any bouquets at myself, but incidentally I would like to state that from where I sit it looks as if my Picture Frames, Mouldings and Pictures are just a little bit finer than any dealer has ever dreamed of carrying in Fresno—"And that's no josh." Take a look at my windows occasionally; they will tell you what I am doing.

* Opposite Barton opera house.

Baking Powder

should not be judged by leavening strength alone.

See also which baking powder makes your cake keep longest.

Honey-back if you don't like Schilling's Best.

Baking-powder and money—both at your grocer's.

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SCHOOL BOARD.

Improvement of the Central Block.

Church Wants to Trade It for Another Site.

The Holiday Vacation for the Schools Will Begin Tomorrow Evening.

The city school board held an adjourned meeting yesterday at the office of Superintendent Kirk and considerable business was transacted. All the members were present.

Trustee Church submitted a report in which he recommended the purchase of copies of Professor J. W. Anderson's "School Manual" for the use of the city superintendent and the members of the board. The recommendation was adopted.

The matter of improving the Central block grounds was then taken up. Mr. Stephens reported that he had interviewed two engineers, but they could give no accurate estimate of the cost of grading the grounds without having a survey made. This would cost \$50, and Mr. Stephens did not feel justified in incurring this expense to the district without first consulting the board. The engineers to whom he had spoken were of the opinion that where the land slopes in the southwestern part of the block it should be graded in terraces.

Trustee Church objected to the expenditure of money to improve the grounds. He thought that in two or three years more the old Central building would have to be abandoned and a new constructed. This new building, Church said, should be located three-four blocks further out, in Mariposa street, as there in the future it will be more the center of population in that district of the city. Judge Church believes immediately that Fresno's population will greatly increase within the next few years and he wants to prepare for "ultimate" requirements. The idea he advanced was that the Central block should be traded for some more favorable site and that the district could receive a substantial cash consideration for taking property a little further from the business center of the city.

Further action on the improvement of the grounds was deferred to the next regular meeting on the first Monday in January.

On motion of Trustee Stephens, seconded by Mr. Nobis, it was decided to close the schools on Thursday evening for the holiday vacation. The vacation will extend from tomorrow evening to January 3d.

Secretary Higgins was instructed to draw warrants to pay the teachers their salaries for the three weeks ending tomorrow. The schoolmen don't want the money to do some "shopping," the chairman explained.

Superintendent Daily explained that the ironclad rule established by the trust to allow excuses for tardiness of pupils only on grounds of sickness or death. In the family worked a hardship in some cases where the excuses were reasonable but did not come within the rule. In one instance a boy who drives to the high school from the country every morning had met with an accident to his buggy, and he was hospitalized twenty-five minutes. He was not sick but no one had died in the family, and therefore he was punished for tardiness.

The board at once passed a motion that the teachers accept excuses in cases where the pupils are not to blame for tardiness or absence.

Professor Walter A. Tanney, the instructor of manual training, submitted to the board a set of plans he had drawn for improving the grounds around the high school building. Some months ago the board paid \$10 for plans submitted by a gardener, but Professor Tanney's are not nearly as complicated and are more satisfactory to the trustees. Messrs. Stephens, Dailey and Tanney were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of shrubbery and trees to be planted according to the professor's plan.

Superintendent Dailey suggested that the first term of the school year should be split into eight weeks and not end till the latter part of January. On motion the suggestion was adopted.

The superintendent reported that he had received three bids for equipping the high school building with an electric lighting system. Action was deferred till the regular meeting.

The purchase of pencil sharpeners and machines for cleaning blackboard erasers was referred to the committee on supplies. Heretofore the pupils have been required to clean the erasers by breaking them. The children will fill their cloths with the dust and inhale it into their lungs, and the medicines will be an acceptable innovation.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Louis Luetz Passes Away at the Germania House.

Louis Luetz, a native of France, aged about 45 years, died last evening at the Germania house on I street, near Kern. He had been ailing for several days with malarial fever, and last evening was found in the back yard in a dying condition. He was assisted to his room, where he expired in a few minutes.

Luetz has been in and around Fresno for several years, and worked for a long time at the Fresno winery. He has a brother living at Grangeville, Idaho county. On the person of the deceased was found a bank book showing that he had a considerable sum of money on deposit. O'Connor Long will hold an inquest this morning.

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INSTITUTE AT SELMA.

Professors F. T. Biolti and D. T. Fowler will lecture.

John S. Doro has received a letter stating that Professor Biolti will be present at the Selma farmers' institute next week, and will deliver his lectures on "Vine Disease" and "Pruning and Grafting the Vine."

Professor Fowler will speak on "Wheat Culture" and probably on the subject of "Sugar Beet Culture." The institute will be held on Thursday and Friday, December 30th and 31st.

The children of the Orange Center school will give their Christmas entertainment at Austin hall, Thursday, December 23rd.

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in Fresno, and among the many good things we can name only a fraction:

A hundred patterns of Scalloped and Hemstitched Embroidered Handkerchiefs from 25¢ to 75¢.

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Dinner Sets from stock patterns made up at all prices.

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MORE SCHOOLS.

Petitions for Four New Districts.

They Have Been Presented to Supt. Kirk.

Gratifying Extension of the Public School System in Fresno County.

Superintendent T. J. Kirk has petitions under consideration for the organization of four new school districts in Fresno county. He will make his report on them to the supervisors when they meet next month and the board will decide as to the formation of the districts. Mr. Kirk will undoubtedly recommend that the new schools be established, and his advice is always followed in such matters by the county fathers.

Parents have petitioned for the formation of a school district at Millwood, the former site of the Sequoia Mills in the Sierras. Fifteen parents have signed the petition and they have thirty-eight children between the ages of 5 and 17 years. The purpose is to establish a school for the summer months, when there are many people around the head of the flume, families of mill workmen and campers.

The following is the boundary of the proposed district: Beginning at the southwest corner of section 1 in township 13 south, range 27 east, thence west four miles to the southwest corner of section 4 in township 14 south, range 27 east, thence due north along section lines to Kings river, a distance of ten or more miles; thence up and along the meanderings of said river to where it is crossed by the range line between ranges 27 and 28 east, thence south along said range line to the place of beginning.

Ten parents and guardians, with fifty-four children, petition for the formation of a new district to be known as East Fresno. It lies immediately east of this city and the proposed district embraces the East Fresno election precinct. The county orphanage is in the district and the forty-three children of that institution will form the greater part of the school.

Six parents and guardians are trying to organize a school district at McMillin, the station on the West Side railroad. They have eleven boys and six girls. The following is the boundary of the proposed district: Commencing in range 18, township 14, at the northeast corner of section 26, thence west one mile, thence north two miles, thence west three miles to northwest corner of section 12, in township 14, range 17, thence south seven miles to southwest corner of section 12, township 15, range 17, thence one mile east, thence one mile south to southwest corner of section 13, in township 15, range 18; thence five miles east to southeast corner of section 14, township 15, range 18; thence north five miles to place of beginning.

At Converse basin, the now site of the Sequoia mills, and about nine miles beyond Millwood, it is also desired to have a public school during the summer months when the families of many mill employees are located there. The petition was signed by nine parents and guardians who have in all twenty children. The following is the boundary described: Beginning at the southwest corner of section 31 in township 13, range 28 on the county line between Fresno and Tulare counties; thence north along the range line between ranges 27 and 28 to Kings river; thence up along the meanderings of said river, following the south fork to the eastern boundary line of Fresno county; thence following the eastern and southeastern boundary line around and back to the place of beginning.

Twenty-one residents of Auberry and Millerton districts in the foothills have petitioned for a change of the boundaries by taking from Auberry and annexing to Millerton district the northwest quarter of section 11, township 21, range 22. The distance to the Auberry school house from the home of the petitioners is fully six miles by the county road, and about four miles over the trail, thus making it impossible for the children to attend school there.

The distance to the Millerton school house is only about two miles.

NEWS FROM CLOVIS.

Night Shift Discontinued at the Box Factory—Christmas Tree.

"The School Ma'am" came off according to advertisement last Wednesday evening, and was played before a large and enthusiastic audience. Twenty-five dollars was taken in above expenses to go into the school organ fund.

L. Pace, head manager of the W. W., delivered an address to a very appreciative audience at the hall Thursday evening on the subject of Woodcraft. Three applications were received by the local camp. This will give the boys an opportunity to lumb up their "goat."

The firm of W. A. Hurry and Company is no more, having sold out its grocery business to Mr. Ostrander, who will put in a new and complete stock.

People who think that running a boarding house in Clovis is a lucrative business now have a chance to start up in the houses vacated last Thursday by Mrs. Appling. The trouble is there are already too many eating houses here for the number of people who patronize them.

Saturday night was the last of the night shift's work for this season in the box factory. "Old," however, put most of the men to work with the day crew.

The hop Saturday evening was enjoyed by about thirty couples in spite of the cold weather.

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ing in McCord's hall, to which everyone is cordially invited. Mrs. Kelley, chairman of the soliciting committee, reports success. It is intended to put something on the tree for every child in Clovis, which means considerable, for there are more children to the square foot in Clovis than in any other place on the map. F. P. Gray, B. S. Parker and Fannie Lane have been appointed a committee to receive presents which people may wish to have put on the tree. A fine program has been arranged and will be rendered before the presents are distributed.

George Donan, a former townsmen, came over from Sanger last week and spent a few days with friends here.

I. S. Knight and wife came out from Fresno and took in the "School Ma'am."

A very pleasant surprise party and candle lighting was given at the home of W. S. Underwood last Monday evening in honor of Henry Darby, who left the next day to spend Christmas with his mother in the Sacramento valley.

Miss Owen and Miss Goss arrived on today's train, Daze N. Port, Clovis, December 21, 1897.

Then Verlaine, the master of lyric expression, in every delicate means in order to cast every shadow of his situation, to write by harmonic evanescent strings of the melancholy listener. That is why he was called the "poet of the ones" considered him the poet of the melancholy.

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Notes in the House of Commons. —Dame, I noted, sat during a debate in much abstraction, never cheering and never interjecting a denial. There is, said the man who directed his party, surely a great new movement. I have no doubt he is lost in his apparent indecision and the method in which he walks to his place without looking at anybody, but I suppose, from my own experience, that it is from near-sightedness. I perceive that he cannot tell what o'clock it is without using a glass, and soundly did me justice that he saw him nothing but a police van, making it for an omnibus. His face is often haggard and his air weary and disappointed, but he has the bow and eyes of a poet, which are always pleasant to look upon. He generally says the right thing at the right minute and in the right way, and he is justly cheered; but, sitting among the opposition, I have abundant reason to note that he is not trusted.

It is said that young Stanley and other members of his class stand in him, and that the man who is so taciturn in parliament is a charming companion among his friends and is a gracious and genial host. Some of his backsliding mottoes stand out, and I should think, under great difficulties, somebody asked him lately if Lord Robert M—— was not a stupid ass. "No, no," said Benjamin, "not at all. He is a clever ass."—Sir Charles Gurney Duffy in Contemporary Review.

The Continuous Performance. One man, evidently a play actor, and another man, who evidently wasn't, were coming down in an elevated railroad car on Sixth avenue.

"How are you getting on?" asked the man who wasn't.

"Oh, only so so at this season of the year. Instead of going on the vaudeville stage I started out in tragedy, but it's played out. Such hamfests as Booth, Barrett, Forrest, McCullough, and men of that ilk have ruined that line of business, and there's nothing in it now."

"Why don't you try the continuous performance racket? I see that some first class people are in now."

"Oh, it won't last. It's a new idea, and it's being run into the ground."

"I think you're wrong about its being a new idea," said the man who wasn't. "I remember having seen a continuous performance when I was a little boy, and my grandfather has told me that the same show was drawing crowds when he was a youngster."

"What was it?" asked the man who was doubtfully.

"Niagara falls."—New York Commercial.

WE SELL

TOO HIGH-TONED.

Castle Shocks San Diego Populists.

Only Those Having Cards Were Allowed to See Their Congressman.

From the San Diego Tribune.

A bad shock was received to true Jeffersonian democratic simplicity, if genuine, untrifled dyed-in-the-wool democratic information is to be believed, on the occasion of the recent visit here of Dr. Castle of Merced, who temporarily represents the Seventh California district in congress.

Several of our prominent Democratic wheel-horses, although feeling some strange sensations when hitched up in a Populist team, yet believe that as they voted for the Doctor they should at least call upon him while here, as a matter of courtesy.

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The feeble of man. There seems to be some uncertainty as to the size of our great mother. The French orientalist, Henrion, member of the academy, however, fixed it with a precision satisfactory at least to himself.

He gives the following table of the relative heights of several eminent historical persons:

Adam was precisely 123 feet 9 inches high.

Eve was precisely 118 feet 9.75 inches high.

Noah was precisely 103 feet high.

Abraham was precisely 27 feet high.

Moses was precisely 13 feet high.

Hercules was precisely 6 feet high.

Alexander was precisely 6 feet high.

Julius Caesar was precisely 5 feet high.

Atmospheric Temperature.

The temperature of the atmosphere reads, on an average, about one degree for every 300 feet that we ascend or descend at the same rate as we descend. The mean temperature at the north pole is 0 and at the equator between 80 and 90 degrees. We can, therefore, get into a temperature 200 degrees colder for every 70 or 80 miles that we travel north, and in a temperature one degree warmer for every 70 or 80 miles that we travel south.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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W. S. Patterson et al to J. S. Patterson et al, lots 27 and 28 in block 145 of Fresno, \$200.

John H. Davis to John H. Davis, lots 27 and 28 in block 145 of Fresno, \$200.

W. P. Lyman et ux to W. W. McAllister, wife of Mr. W. P. Lyman, tract #10, of lot 22 of the Salinas tract, \$10.

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Not impressed.

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Enough! I've held one of his notes for two years."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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